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## Statement

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### **Statement from Lt. Governor Kinder on Missouri Tourism Commission**

**JEFFERSON CITY** –Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, chairman of the Missouri Tourism Commission, released the following statement today:

“This afternoon, the Missouri Tourism Commission met in closed session to hire R.B. “Bob” Smith III as interim director of the Missouri Division of Tourism. Mr. Smith’s employment with the division will begin Monday, January 12, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

“Mr. Smith currently serves as the deputy director of Missouri Division of Tourism, a position that will be eliminated on Monday, January 12.

“Today’s decision is a foundational duty of the Commission; to ensure that the Division of Tourism will continue to operate effectively with continued leadership.”

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